

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): TANAKA, et al.  
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For: MASK TRIMMING APPARATUS AND MASK TRIMMING METHOD  
Group: 1763  
Examiner: R. Kackar  
Conf. No.: 1013

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**  
**AND**  
**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

April 9, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments